

KOWLOON EVICTION PROTESTS

Mass Demonstration Timed For Tomorrow

Buses May Run Again Tomorrow

The bus service on the Island, which was disrupted on Dec. 11 when drivers and conductors of the China Motor Bus Co., Ltd., went on strike, will in all probability be resumed tomorrow as a result of discussions between representatives of the China Motor Bus Co., Ltd., and the strikers at the Labour Office yesterday.

The China Mail was informed last night that the China Motor Bus Company has now agreed to pay a gratuity representing 11 months' pay to each employee after 10 years' service.

For those who serve over and above 10 years, one month and 3 days' pay will be paid for each additional year of service.

Other minor terms, it is understood, were amicably settled.

The results of the discussions at the Labour office were communicated to the strikers at a mass meeting last night.

It was decided that work should be resumed after an agreement is signed at the Labour Office this afternoon.

Chinese Dollar Hits New Low

Shanghai, Jan. 8.—The revival of rumours of the early resignation of the Finance Minister, Dr. O. K. Yu, together with the slum of Chinese National Currency in Hong Kong caused the black market quotation for United States dollar to soar to a new record of 200.00 Chinese dollars here today.

This is a rise of 25 per cent in 24 hours. There was a wild scramble for both foreign and Chinese shaves, all of which gained between 20 and 30 per cent as compared with yesterday.

Two cotton rose from CN\$485,000 to CN\$600,000. Whealock from CN\$140,000 to CN\$1,760,000 and Dockyards from CN\$73,000 to CN\$890,000. All British, these are the most popular among foreign and Chinese shaves in Shanghai.

Two Chinese newspapers carried reports today from Nanking, forecasting the early resignation of the Finance Minister, Dr. O. K. Yu.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC RESCUE RUSH OFF JAPANESE COAST

Tokyo, Jan. 8.—Six more rescue ships are speeding through stormy seas to the Russian motorship "Dvina", which is reported to be still afloat but listing heavily with 800 passengers.

The Japanese tanker "Koko Maru", which was earlier reported to be trying to get a line aboard the Dvina, is still possible to tow her to shore and land her passengers in Hokkaido.

The crew of the B-29 that flew over the distressed ship earlier said huge waves were buffeting the vessel as it lay helpless in the sea.

"When we sighted the ship, it was headed toward North Honshu. It was lying parallel to 50-foot waves," said Lieutenant Henry Deutzbendorf, pilot of the reconnaissance plane.

American officials still had no explanation of why the craft was proceeding around Southern Hokkaido on a voyage from Kamchatka to Vladivostok.

They said, however, she was in regular shipping lanes and appeared to be bound for Tsugaru Strait between Hokkaido and Honshu, which is open to all international shipping.—Reuter, AAF, and Associated Press.

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Nanking Makes A Second Move

Mass demonstrations to protest against the eviction of Kowloon city residents are being prepared in Canton and in Po On city, according to Chinese press reports yesterday.

The reports said that a "Po On People's Mass Demonstration" will take place at 11 a.m. tomorrow to denounce the Hong Kong Government's action.

Meanwhile, subscription registers have been opened by the New Life Evening Post for donations for the evicted people.

A similar campaign is being launched in Po On.

The mass demonstration in Canton is being prepared by the city's students.

Protest

A Central News despatch from Canton adds that Chinese Government has lodged a second protest with the British Embassy over the eviction of the Kowloon Chinese residents.

The fresh protest was lodged by Mr. Liu Shih-shun, Vice-Political Minister of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, yesterday afternoon when he called on Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador in China.

The Foreign Office also telegraphically instructed Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwantung, to take up the matter directly with the Hong Kong Government.

Meanwhile, at a meeting yesterday, members of the Council Yuan discussed the subject, after which they resolved to demand the Executive Yuan to instruct the Foreign Affairs Ministry to make a public statement on negotiations over the issue with the British authorities.

Sovereignty

A United Press message from Nanking says the dispute over the eviction of Chinese from the leased territory of Kowloon has once again brought to the fore in the issue of the restitution of Hongkong to Chinese sovereignty until after China's internal difficulties are settled.

Stalin Rumoured To Be Dead

Berne, Jan. 8.

Rumours that Marshal Stalin is dead, for which there was absolutely no confirmation, were circulating in Switzerland today.

The Swiss Social Democratic newspaper "Berne Tagwachti" today carried an article headed "Stalin dead?", in which it declared that no denial of the present persistent rumours of Stalin's death could be obtained from any Russian quarter in Berne.

The newspaper recalled that in the past there had been similar rumours but said that they had always been followed immediately by a denial.

This time, declared the Berne Tagwachti, no denial nor confirmation of these rumours could be obtained.—Associated Press.

Stop Press

FOUR AMERICANS MISSING NEAR HANKOW

Nanking, Jan. 8.—A party of four Americans en route to Hankow from Yenching was reported missing today and presumed to have been taken prisoners by the Reds.

The missing persons were identified as a medical missionary, Dr. Eric McMullen, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission in Honan, and his wife and child.

The fourth person is an American registered nurse, Miss Gertrude Green.

The United States Ambassador here has not been able to confirm the report while emanated from a Catholic priest.

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H.K. TO CANTON SHUTTLE SERVICE TO BE BEGUN TODAY

Odom Plans Flight To China

Altus, Oklahoma, Jan. 8.—Bill Odom, round-the-world flier and record holder, arrived here on Wednesday to check the work being done on a cargo transport plane in which he plans to fly to China on a research expedition.

The plane is being especially equipped to cross over China's high mountains, especially the Machin Range in Western China, which is reported to be approximately 32,000 feet high, or nearly 4,000 feet higher than Mount Everest in the Himalayan Range of Tibet.

Odom said he expects to be ready to leave for China in not more than two weeks. Sponsors of the expedition include Milton Reynolds of the Reynolds Pen Company, "Life" Magazine and the Boston Museum of Natural History.—Associated Press.

Hainan War Crimes Trial:

SECRET DIARY READ IN COURT

Reading from a diary which he had secretly hidden from his guards for three years, Captain C. F. Newnham, Adjutant of Hainan POW Camp, gave evidence at No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

The four-man tribunal trying Camp Commandant Rear-Admiral Tahara Susumu and 16 associates for ill-treating 263 Australian and 237 Dutch POWs and causing the death of 81 Australians and 70 Dutchmen between 1942 and 1946, adjourned proceedings on Wednesday until yesterday morning.

Captain Newnham of Melbourne, detailing the works performed by the prisoners during the four years, said that he had contacts with 14 of the defendants, who included captains, lieutenants, and CPOs.

The building of anti-aircraft gun emplacements, jetties and piers and the storing of ammunition were specially mentioned by witness.

Witness will be cross-examined by defence counsel. Mr. Ikuo Inoue, this afternoon.

Major J. Foster is sitting as Advisory Officer to defence council.

An unserviceable revolver found in a hut in Moon Street on Dec. 27 was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

An air shuttle service between Hong Kong and Canton, twice a day, will be inaugurated by Hong Kong Airways tomorrow.

With Captain R. Ballantine, veteran aviator, at the controls, the first aircraft will leave Kai Tak at 8:30 a.m. and arrive at Canton's White Cloud Airport 50 minutes later—at 9:20 a.m. At 10 a.m.—40 minutes after arrival—Captain Ballantine will pilot the aircraft back to Hong Kong, arriving here at 10:50 a.m.

He will also be in command of the day's second return flight to the Kwangtung capital, leaving Kai Tak at 3 p.m. and returning at 6:20 p.m.

Extra Run Later

Before the month is over, Hong Kong Airways will introduce an additional return flight, making three return flights to Canton daily.

This shuttle service will prove a boon to commercial interests in South China and Hong Kong, especially in cases where a businessman's personal presence is required in either city within a few hours, and where a quick return to his home base is necessary.

Cabin Comforts

The DC-3 cabins of the H.K. Airway aircraft are sound-proof, so that conversation while in flight can be carried on at ordinary voice level.

The interiors are carpeted and fitted with individual photo seats with adjustable head rests.

The aircraft are also fitted with modern radio and radar aids.

The crews, who are seconded from B.O.A.C., consist of a captain, a first officer, a radio officer, a flight engineer and a bosun.

LONDON MATRIC. EXAMINATIONS

The London Matriculation Examination will be held in Hong Kong on June 1.

Entry forms for private students may be obtained from the Education Office, 3rd Floor, Windsor House, and should be returned on or before Feb. 7.

Students attending schools in the Colony should forward their entries through the heads of their schools.

Students wishing to enter for London University External Degree Examinations are reminded that it is necessary to register as an external student of the University a considerable time before the actual date of the examination. Further information may be obtained from the Education Office.



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THREE TIMES BITTEN: BUT NOT SHY YET

Apparently 28-year-old Lau Tong did not believe the proverbial once bitten twice shy.

With three previous convictions against him, the unemployed appeared again before Mr. Blaik-Kerr yesterday at Kowloon on charges of larceny of two thermos flasks, two tins of fish, two bars of soap and nine apples, and breach of an expulsion order.

Convicted on both counts, Lau was sentenced to 18 months hard labour and recommended for remission.

It was alleged that Lau took a cloth bag containing the "joot" while complainant Choi Yip was buying something in Shantung Street.

Arrested with Lau was Li Shing, discovered to be a member of the Wo Shing Young Society. Convicted of being a member of an unlawful society, travelling trader Li was sentenced to six months and recommended for remission.

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"The Prospects of Peace" will be the subject of a discussion to be led by Mr. Richard Sutton at the meeting of Toe H this evening at 8:30. Toe H meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong and the members will be pleased to welcome any men interested.

The usual concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House on Sunday evening at 8:30. The programme this week will consist of works by Brahms, Bach and Haydn.

Midget Magnificence BUDDHIST MONK AND NUN INVOLVED IN TENANCY CASE

"The whole Chinese public has been thoroughly shocked by this case, as considerable publicity has been given to the fact that second defendant is a monk and his wife a nun," said Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, during a case for possession of the ground floor of 150 Portland Street, Kowloon.

The case was heard before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

Judgment, with costs, was given in favour of the plaintiff, Kwan Chew-har, married woman, represented by Mr. C.Y. Kwan, and an order made for possession of the premises within 14 days.

Mr. Peter Sin, of Messrs. P.H. Sin & Co., appeared for the defendants, Si Heung Yuen, denizens of Buddhist utensils, and Wun Ching, alias Leung Chi-hang, Buddhist Monk.

The plaintiff, as the registered owner of the premises, claimed that the defendants were not bona fide tenants and were wrongfully remaining in possession.

The second defendant said that he was the sole proprietor of the first defendant's firm.

He admitted that plaintiff was the registered owner of the premises, but denied that she was entitled to possession.

He claimed to be a bona fide tenant and as such entitled to remain in possession under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947.

Bought House

Mr. Kwan said that plaintiff bought the house from a nun, Wong Wal-ming, alias Wong Wal-ming, in July 1947.

At the time it was agreed that Si Heung would give up vacant possession of the premises occupied by her.

She did, in fact, give up possession, but her husband, Wun Ching, alias Leung Chi-hang, refused to do so.

The case turned on the credibility of the seller of the house and Wun Ching.

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Objection

Mr. Sin interposed to say that this had no reference to the case under discussion, but Mr. Justice Gould said that he could not say whether it was relevant or not at that stage.

"An occupation was always given and noted by the Court," added Mr. Justice Gould.

Mr. Kwan then dealt with the recent receipts of the premises and said he would call the seller of the house, Si Heung Yuen, and if the Court did not accept her evidence, that was the end of the

case as to whether or not a tenancy was created in favour of the defendants.

After evidence in support of the plaintiff's case by Si Heung, the defence called Wun Ching, alias Leung Chi-hang, followed by Leung Him.

Delivering judgment in favour of the plaintiff, Mr. Justice Gould said that he considered that the arrangement between the parties was that of a family operating as such—a social relationship differing from that of landlord and tenant.

He rejected defendant's contention of what happened between him and his wife on the tenancy and did not believe that any money ever passed between them on account of rent.

Kai Tak May Revert To Factory Area

Kai Tak airfield is destined to become a factory area once a new airfield site is decided upon, according to the Far Eastern Economic Review.

The Review adds that the other areas on the mainland which have been earmarked for factories are Shek Kip Mei Village (where Government recently banned water-cress cultivation), the Laichikok waterfront, and Hung Hom Bay.

The journal disclosed that a number of industrialists from Shanghai have inquired into the possibilities of acquiring lease rights of some parts of Kai Tak airfield.

Reminders Today

Recital of Classical Music (Records), European YMCA, West Lounge, 8:15 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Queen's College Speech Day, 26, Kennedy Road, 10 a.m.

Zetland Hall Trustees' Cocktail Party, King's Bldg., top flr., 6-8 p.m.

SUNDAY
Presentation of Prizes, "Sunday Herald" "Song of the South" Competition, Queen's Theatre, 11 a.m.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Whisk Whisk was worrying about Toddy the Glowworm suddenly appeared, and told Whisk to cheer up. "Toddy will soon be safely back," he said.

"I hope you are right," said Whisk, trying to sound happy. Then he jumped up as Toddy, pointing over Whisk's head, cried out: "Look!"

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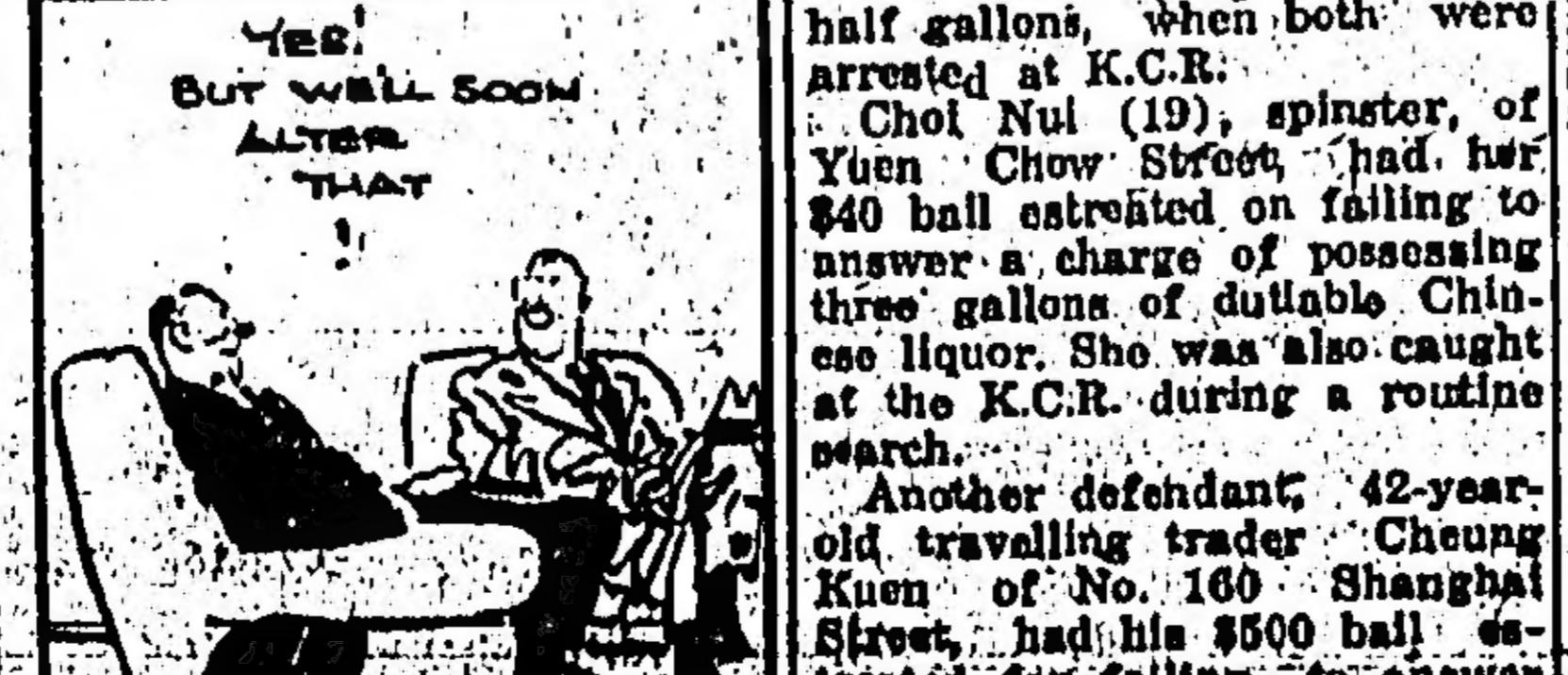
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I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW THE CLOUT IS ALL MEN AND NO WOMEN.

The castaways

Yes!
BUT WELL SOON AFTER THAT



NEW TERRITORIES WERE PROMPT TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES

New Territories property owners, apparently, have been much quicker than those in Kowloon and on the island in fulfilling their obligations to the Inland Revenue Department.

Inland Revenue Commissioner Pudney announced yesterday that "the whole of the Property Tax for 1947-48 charged in respect of the New Territories has been paid."

Hong Kong and Kowloon are in arrears to the extent of \$8,000 with a further \$8,000 not yet due.

Total amount of taxes collected up to 4:30 p.m. yesterday was officially stated to be \$4,499,236.19.

This included: Corporations Profits Tax: \$1,641,538.99 (includes \$334,778.10 to U.K. collections); Business Profits Tax: \$239,132.80; Salaries & Annuities Tax: \$181,170.87; Interest Tax: \$166,256.84; and Property Tax: \$2,271,136.59.

Tax On Interest

Mr. Pudney explained that the tax on interest is payable on all interest arising in or accruing in the Colony on any debenture, mortgage, bill of sale, deposit or advance which either is paid or payable by a person carrying on trade, profession or business and allowed as a deduction in ascertaining the profits of that trade, profession or business; or, in the case of interest payable by other persons, is payable under any mortgage, debenture or bill of sale registered with any public authority or public officer.

There are certain exemptions, these being interest paid or payable to a corporation (generally speaking, a limited liability company) carrying on trade or business in the Colony and any interest paid or payable by or to a banker approved by the Commissioner. (So far, a limited number of bankers only have been approved by this Department, and no further approvals are being given until a decision has been reached on the legislation regarding banking now before the Legislative Council.)

Borrowers

He also drew attention to the position of persons who borrow money to carry on a trade, profession or business. If such money is borrowed from an approved bank or from a cor-

poration carrying on trade or business in the Colony, there is no liability to Interest Tax as such, since the interest forms part of the profits of the bank or corporation which are subject, in due course, to Profit Tax.

If, however, such money is borrowed from any other person, whether or not the instrument securing the loan is registered with any public authority or public officer, the borrower is bound by Section 30 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947 to deduct tax at 10% from the interest before he pays it over to the lender. The tax so deducted must be paid over to this Department immediately.

Even if such a borrower fails to deduct this 10%, he is still liable to pay to the Department the amount which he should have deducted. Borrowers are advised to be particularly careful to deduct this tax since if they have been compelled to pay the amount over to this Department without having deducted it from the interest paid to the lender, they may find it difficult to recover the amount from the latter at a later date.

Interest

Interest which does not come within the foregoing categories (interest which is not paid or payable by a person carrying on trade, profession or business in the Colony or not paid by other persons under a registered mortgage, debenture or bill of sale) is not subject to Interest Tax.

It is not the intention of the Inland Revenue Ordinance to charge tax on interest on such informal items as day-to-day loans between friends or between persons not engaged in trade, profession or business in the Colony and which are entered into without the formality of registered charges.

Where at the Chinese New Year interest settlements are made for the whole of the year then closing, borrowers should remember that tax is deductible only from that portion of the interest then paid which has accrued on and after the April 1, 1947 and they should make the necessary apportionment.

Battle Royal Between Wharf Watchmen

"Overzealousness" in their duty led to a battle royal between two watchmen employed by Thoresen Company last Wednesday night at No. 1 Wharf, Kowloon Godown, when the ss. "Hai Lee" arrived.

Both defendants appeared before Mr. Latimer yesterday at Kowloon Magistracy and were both cautioned.

"Go away, and don't fight again," the Magistrate told them, adding that it would be up to their company to decide the dispute.

To Shiu-huen (30), who claimed to be No. 1 watchman, the prosecution said, was on duty when the vessel arrived. He refused to let Hui Wah-sang (32) board the ship, which led to an argument. Second defendant said that Mr. Hui telephoned him to keep watch when the Hai Lee arrived.

Hui, who it was said attempted to kick the former.

HAMBURG DOCK STRIKE

Hamburg, Jan. 7. German police recaptured the docks here early today to protect workers willing to return after strike action for a five-day week, 30 per cent wage increase and special food and clothing allowance.

Most of the strikers were still out but discussions were resumed between the strikers' representatives, trade union leaders and the port authorities.—Reuters.



Here is the man behind the Arab movement in Palestine. The mufti of Jerusalem is seen in Aley, Lebanon, where he consulted Arab leaders on the defense of Palestine. (AP Photo)

TWO CAT BURGLARS WENT RIDING TANDEM

Victims of an early morning burglary at Ashley Road on Dec. 31 gave evidence at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Latimer when Chan Cheung-tin, tandem-driver, was charged with aiding and abetting the burglary.

Inspector T. Rothwell, of the Star Ferry said his servant reported that an electric iron had been lost.

On investigation, he found that clothing was stolen and the rear door leading to an alley was forced open.

There were footprints on the frame of a fanlight.

A key was left about 10 yards from the rear door in the alley.

He is staying at No. 39, Ashley Road, Inspector Rothwell added.

Mrs. Thomas White of No. 41, Ashley Road told the Court that when shouts of "Thief, thief" from her servant woke her up she blew a police whistle.

Convicted on the charge of aiding and abetting, Chan was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

PC. 1379 said that, when he rode to two men riding on a tandem in Canton Road at 5:10 a.m., they accelerated and rode away.

Opium In His Pockets Cost Him \$2,500

Topping the list of "seizure cases" heard at Kowloon before Mr. Latimer yesterday was that of Lee Hung, unemployed, of No. 960 Canton Road, who was fined \$2,500 or six months for possessing 50 taels of raw opium.

Lee, who was caught with the drug in the pockets of his coat and overcoat at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station at 8 p.m. last Wednesday, pleaded ignorance of Hong Kong regulations.

Defendant, who admitted carrying the opium, said he did not know there was that much, adding that he thought it was only a few taels.

For possessing dutiable Chin-est liquors, Leung Ngan (22), unemployed female of an unnumbered hut in Chu Ko-ling, was fined \$35, or two weeks.

Leung was arrested at Ngau Chi-wan with six gallons of liquor.

Pleading guilty, Chan Lim (29), married woman, and Ho Hang (54), widow, were cautioned.

First defendant had three gallons of Chinese liquor and a second defendant two, and half gallons, when both were arrested at K.C.R.

PART 3 ORDERS Order No. 1/18, Strength-Overage, 450 Pic. Dec. 15, 47; 2816 Sgt. Lo Hung-sui, No. 4 Company, w.e.f. Dec. 15, 47; 1765 C.M. R. A. Edwards, No. 1 Company, w.e.f. Jan. 1, 48; 2148 Pte. C. Maslin, A.R.C. Company, w.e.f. Jan. 1, 48; 1811 Pte. G. de V. Victor, No. 8 Company, w.e.f. Jan. 1, 48.

NATIONALISATION 4848 Spr. G. K. Campbell, Field Company, Engineers, has recently been granted British Nationalisation.

(Sgt.) J. Weston, Captain, Adjutant, K.E.V.D. Corps.

The Mufti 4 WOMEN SET COURT A PROBLEM

Four females had the Court in a dilemma at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Fung Siu-chi (40) and her daughter, Siu Ng (24) appeared before Mr. Latimer on a charge of maliciously damaging a jacket belonging to 15-year-old Ng Yin.

Both defendants, their counsel Mr. Hon said, would swear before the "Goddess of Mercy" that they did not cut the jacket.

Witness Lee Mo-fan and her maid-servant, complainant, took up Mr. Hon's challenge to swear together with defendants that they did cut the jacket.

"It is only a test of veracity, sir, and we would not carry it out," Mr. Hon said, adding that since witness was prepared to swear he would also be prepared to accept that.

It all started with second defendant "throwing" dirty water on Ng Yin's trousers while the latter was washing kitchen utensils.

Ng reported the matter to Police, who told them not to cause any more trouble. Later Ng reported again that defendants had cut her jacket twice.

Cut Them More

Ng said that when they got back from the Police station after she reported about the first incident, Fung refused to let her hang her clothes in the corridor, threatening to cut them if Ng did so.

Fung was then alleged to have cut her jacket with scissors and Ng was alleged to have said: "That is not enough. Cut them more."

Ng added that defendants and her mistress are not on good terms. Lee said that defendants were trying to evict her. They had been frequently quarrelling with her maid in the kitchen.

"This nonsense has got to be stopped. Principal tenants are not entitled to evict their sub-tenants, nor are they entitled to make life unpleasant to sub-tenants," Mr. Latimer said when he bound over both defendants in \$100 over 12 months.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ORDERS

Orders by Ass't. Commr. A. Arculli, Acting Commissioner St. J. A. D. Order No. 2/48 Dated January 9th, 1948.

PARADES Hong Kong—Sik Nam Div. 7:30 p.m.; Shaukiwan Div., Taikuo Chin School, Sat., 10th Jan., 8 p.m. The following Divisions will send representatives to the HQ. Stores on Tuesday, 13th Jan., to draw stretchers—Central, K.O.D.B., Wanchai "A", Eastern Shaukiwan, C.A.A. Motor Transport.

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1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.00 p.m.—STUDIO: Children's Half Hour.

2.30 p.m.—Portuguese, Half Hour.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay, World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—"Variety" Programme, presented by Monica Jacks.

8.15 p.m.—Philippines, Orchestrals, conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

8.40 p.m.—STUDIO: Vocal, "Destry" by Celia Hodman (Soprano) with Frank Albee, Accompanist—Doris Drayton.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay, News.

9.15 p.m.—"Interlude": "My Beautiful Baby Marry"; Joe Loss and His Orchestra.

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V. KENNIFICK,
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Matriculation Examination

June, 1948

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STANLEY V. BOXER,
Registrar.

2nd January, 1948.

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Applications are called for
from suitable candidates of any
nationality to fill a number of
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Commissioner of Police,
Hong Kong, January, 1948.

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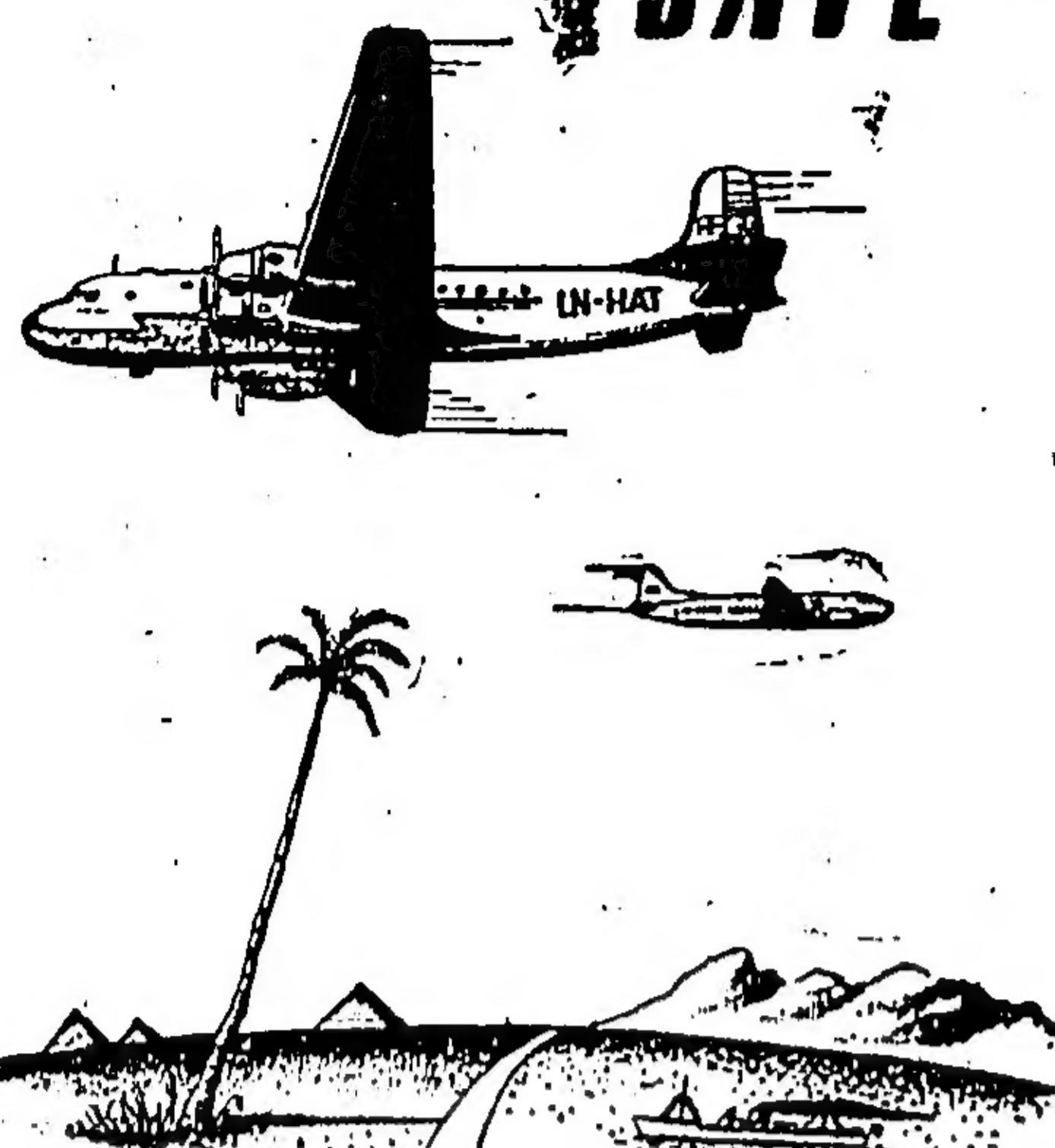
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CIVIL SERVICE'S BENEFITS Increases Granted On Final Approval Recommendations Of Commission

In recommending that the revised salary scales in the Government Service should be introduced with retrospective effect to Jan. 1, 1947, the Commission says that these retrospective benefits should only be granted to officers in the Service when final approval of the proposals is announced.

The Commission does recommend that officers who were in the Colony on duty on 1st January, 1947 and who have subsequently died, retired in the normal course of events or been invalided should have their salaries, death gratuities, gratuities or pensions recalculated as if they had been on the revised scales at the time of death, invaliding or retirement.

Although we have worked out detailed tables to show how various classes of officers at various incremental points on existing scales should be allowed to convert to the new scales, we have not included these tables in our Report, because we consider that the details of conversion can be more easily worked out when final approval of the new scales has been received.

We recommend however that where the old and the new scales are of comparable length, the following rules should be adopted:-

(i) Where an officer on an incremental scale has the necessary qualifications to entitle him to convert fully to the new scale appropriate to his grade, and has passed all the prescribed intervening efficiency bars, he shall receive the same number of increments to the maximum limit in the new scale as he has already received in his old scale.

Not Less
(ii) Where an officer has not the necessary qualifications which it is contemplated that an officer in his grade should in future on entry possess or obtain subsequently to entry, the Government should exercise its discretion whether the same number of increments as he has earned in his old scale should be accorded him up to the maximum limit in his new scale, provided of course that no officer should receive less basic pay than he receives at present when it is taken into consideration that the new basic incorporates elements for rent, depreciation in the value of money, and in some instances other allowances.

(iii) Rules (i) and (ii) should apply also in cases where the new scale is slightly shorter than the present scale, provided of course that the maximum of the new scale cannot be exceeded.

(iv) Where an officer is on the maximum salary of an incremental scale and is transferred to an incremental scale which has more incremental steps than his existing scale, he may, if duly qualified, receive one increment in the new scale for each year which he has spent on the maximum of his previous scale, subject of course to the maximum of the new scale.

(v) An officer on a fixed basic salary shall transfer to a corresponding fixed basic salary if such a fixed basic salary has been assigned to his post under the new scheme but where an incremental scale has been provided, he shall be given one increment on the new scale for every year he has served on his previous fixed salary.

(vi) In all the above cases expiration of pay should be added in the event that the officer concerned qualified thereto, put in the application of Rule (ii). It should be remembered that previous salaries have, in effect, been converted into increments of extra pay.

(vii) All officers should keep their existing increments at these rates when they are promoted.

(viii) Notwithstanding the above rules, the Government should have the right to deal as it thinks fit with any individual case which might, if the above rules were applied, give rise to an anomaly.

Regrading

In certain cases where we have proposed complete reorganisation or a radical regrading or where officers have been placed in a grade to which higher promotions have been made to fill vacancies but which in the new scheme is included in a time scale or where an old scale has been drastically shortened or lengthened, the rules suggested above may not be appropriate. We have, for example, prepared tentative drafts of a special conversion scheme for the Clerical Service and another for the Police Inspectorate. It is probable that Government should consider on their merits any such cases which may arise and accord such treatment as may be deemed equitable.

Special Measures

It is possible that in certain cases the new salary scales will result in a temporary reduction of emoluments exclusive of high cost of living allowance.

Similarly, certain officers may,

on transfer to the new scales find that their pensionable emoluments would be temporarily reduced.

We recommend that

Government should consider on

their merits any such cases

which may arise and accord

such treatment as may be deemed

equitable.

Election To Transfer

We recommend that serving

officers should be allowed to

exercise an option whether to

retain their existing salaries

and terms and conditions of

service or to transfer to the

new scales under the revised

conditions of service which we

have proposed. In our opinion

this option should be exercised

in writing by all officers con-

cerned not later than 31st

March, 1948. A possible ex-

tenion might be granted to

officers who are on leave at the

date of the publication of the

revised salary scheme. In

their case a further extension

of three months might be given.

Sikhs Slaughtered In Temple Massacre

Karachi, Jan. 7. Some 70 Sikh men, women and children were killed today when a Moslem crowd attacked a Sikh temple in which 250 Sikhs from Upper Sind were quartered for transit after evacuation.

Troops were rushed to deal with the disturbance as the trouble spread like a flame throughout the city which angry crowds looting Hindu quarters.

The temple was set on fire after the slaughter. Armed police piceted the area and evacuated the survivors.

By late afternoon, the disturbances appeared to be generally under control.

Police trucks, with loud speakers, moved through the streets announcing a curfew throughout the city.

The temple, where the initial attack occurred, was almost within a stone's throw of the authorities by surprise and the refugees were slaughtered in their sanctuary before the police could be mobilised.

Armed police were evacuating the survivors as the interior of the temple was an inferno, with flames licking heaps of blood-stained bodies.

In the dust of the compound, the bodies lay where they had fallen amid the survivors, too stunned by the shock even to walk.

Excited Crowd
Everywhere through the city excited crowds were gathering in the streets. Piles of shattered glass and people running with bundles of clothes and pieces of furniture showed where the looting was going on.

In the midst of the excitement, Khan Bahadur Mohamed Ali, the Prime Minister of Sind, personally arrested a looter who was making off with a small bundle of silk looted from a Hindu house nearby.

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MARSHALL PLAN IN FIGURES

Details Of American Aid For Europe

15 Countries To Be Helped

Detailed estimates of aid in terms of commodities which it proposes that the European nations should receive under the Marshall Plan were published today by the Department of State.

Acceptance of the estimates is subject to approval by Congress of President Truman's project to implement the Marshall Plan at the cost of \$17,000 million over a period of four years and three months.

The document released by the State Department was a voluminous compilation of several hundred thousand words. It listed in the case of each recipient country quantities of food, tobacco, raw materials and machinery to be received at different periods.

The State Department, in its report claimed that "miraculous results" could be achieved though it scaled down some of the estimates made in Paris by the 16 European nations participating in the scheme.

Shipbuilding resources during the next four years should be curtailed and utilized in industries which would be more vital for reconstruction, the report said.

Food Supplies

The report urged intensive salvage operations in Europe, particularly in Germany, to recover old iron, because the United States would not be able to export iron or scrap iron. The possibility of allocating the necessary ships to the participating countries would be considered by the United States Government.

The report suggested that scrap iron should be bought for hard currency or by exchanging machinery and the equipment needed by Russia.

The document made a special analysis of the prospects of food supplies and concluded: "The conclusion which a general analysis leads to is that the food consumption targets as planned by the countries participating in the recovery plan will not be reached unless there is a series of very fortunate crop conditions in many areas of the world."

Bread grain deficits would have to be covered during the period of the Marshall Plan, the report said.

"This spring, Europe will inevitably be faced with an even more serious shortage of food than has

been the case so far," the report said.

Not As Large

The total import requirements of grain of the Marshall Plan countries in 1947-1948 were about 30,000,000 tons and about 27,000,000 tons for each of the following years.

The report said that the United States had concluded that the available supplies which could be moved to these countries "were not as large as stated."

Here are the allocations for each country benefiting under the Marshall Plan for essential commodities—grain, coal, steel, machinery and petroleum—over the whole period:

Great Britain

France: Grain—1,175,000 tons, Coal—27,520,000 tons, Steel—399,000 tons, Machinery—\$125,900,000 worth, Petroleum—\$2,636,000 tons, Fats & Oil—\$183,000 tons, Timber—\$3,360,000 worth, Dairy products—\$633,300,000 worth.

Belgium: Grain—1,411,009 tons, Coal—\$2,685,000 tons, Steel—\$1,121,000 tons, Machinery—\$41,500,000 worth, Petroleum—\$754,000 tons, Fats & Oil—\$2,000 tons, Dairy products—\$49,900,000 worth, Timber—\$10,800,000 worth.

Greece: Bread Grains—1,120,000 tons, Coarse Grains—183,000 tons, Coal—\$44,200,000 worth, Petroleum—\$206,000 tons.

Britain: Grain—1,105,000 tons, Coal—Nil, Steel—1,046,000 tons, Machinery—\$292,800,000 worth, Petroleum—\$24,000 tons, Tobacco—\$413,000,000 worth, Mining machinery—\$75,000,000, Electrical equipment—\$35,250,000, Steel making equipment—\$34,000,000, Timber—\$245,000,000, Dried eggs—100,000 tons, Dairy products—\$276,400,000 worth.

Austria: Grain—1,110,000 tons, Machinery—\$49,800,000 worth, Coal—Nil, Steel—Nil, Petroleum—Nil.

Denmark: Grain—216,000 tons.

EXPLOSION IN TOTNES

Michael Short Of Cash?

Totnes, Jan. 7. An explosion at the electricity works here today rocked the town and resulted in a breakdown in electricity supplies over a large area of south Devon.

Work was stopped at the milk distribution depot, which deals with 16,000 gallons of milk daily and at the textile mill. Attempting to tackle the fire which broke out after the explosion, the manager of the mill was badly injured.—Reuter.

Coal—1,208,000 tons, Steel—\$100,000 tons.

Elire

Switzerland: Grain—435,000 tons, Coal—147,000 tons, Machinery—\$9,000,000 worth, Petroleum—\$1,635,000 tons.

Norway: Grain—305,000 tons, Steel—\$68,000 tons, Petroleum—2,521,000 tons, Machinery—Nil.

Eire: Coal—1,812,000 tons, Machinery—\$6,900,000 worth, Petroleum—\$1,663,000 tons, Grain and steel—Nil, Tobacco—\$28,100,000 worth, Electrical equipment—\$2,700,000 worth.

Luxembourg: Grain—25,000 tons, Agricultural Machinery—\$700,000 first two years and \$300,000 for subsequent years, Petroleum—\$186,000 tons.

Netherlands: Bread, Grain—1,270,000 tons, Coarse Grain—1,015,000 tons, Coal—1,321,000 tons, Steel—1,273,000 tons, Coal Mining Machinery—\$36,100,000, Petroleum—467,000 tons.

Portugal:

Greece: Bread Grains—1,120,000 tons, Coarse Grains—183,000 tons, Coal—\$45,000 tons, Steel—\$25,000 tons, Agricultural machinery—\$27,600,000 worth, Coal Mining machinery—\$4,000,000, Petroleum—\$80,000 tons.

Iceland: Coal—179,000 tons, Petroleum—\$28,000 tons.

Portugal: Bread Grains—315,000 tons, Coarse Grains—120,000 tons, Coal—2,126,000 tons, Steel—\$209,000 tons, Agricultural machinery—\$9,900,000 worth, Petroleum—\$2,212,000 tons.

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

THE PRESENT RAMPANT SMUGGLING OF NYLON STOCKINGS HAS RENDERED OVER 1,000 FACTORY WORKERS JOBLESS AND BROUGHT THE OPERATION OF 100 SILK STOCKING FACTORIES TO A STANDSTILL.

These are charges made by the Shanghai Silk Weaving Industry Association which intends approaching the City Government authorities for an immediate ban on the sale of nylon goods which arrived here through illegal channels.

The Association said that before the introduction of nylon hosiery into the Shanghai market, this city's silk industry was employing over 7,000 workers and produced approximately 60,000 dozen of silk stockings monthly.

However, this figure has now been reduced to 20,000 as a result of the influx of smuggled goods.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION OF SIAM CABINET

Bangkok, Jan. 7. A Siamese military mission will shortly leave for Europe and the United States, under Colonel Luang Sura Narong, to study military matters, the Siamese Defence Ministry announced today.

Dr. Paul Lansinger, Swiss Consul here said today that his government had extended de facto recognition to the present Siamese Government which seized power in November. This is the first de facto recognition since Marshal Pibul Songgram carried out the coup.—Reuter.

LEYTE GAOL BREAK

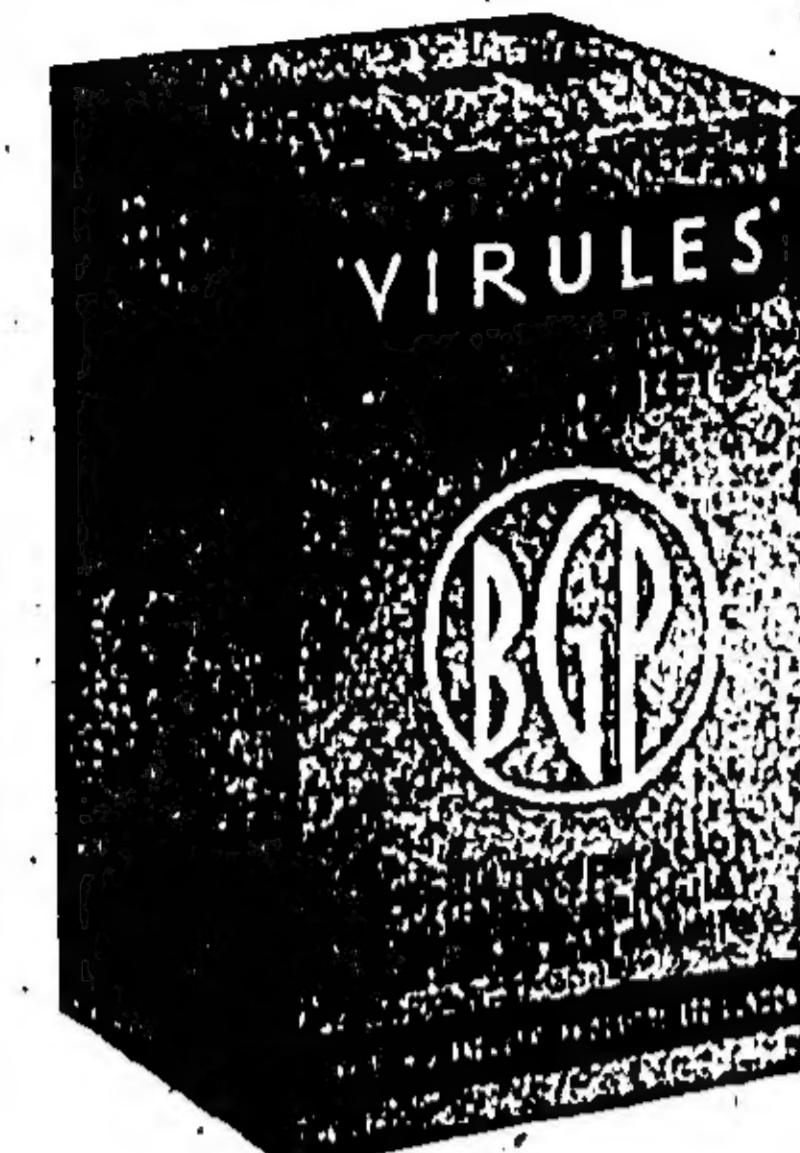
New Delhi, Jan. 7. Earl Mountbatten, the Governor General of India, today presided at a meeting of the Prime Minister and representatives of 20 Indian States at which the setting up of a Rulers' Privileged Committee was discussed.—Reuter.

Reports from Tacloban today said that 17 prisoners in Leyte Provincial Gaol, serving sentences for crimes ranging from theft to murder, staged a successful break last night.

Only five men have been recaptured so far.—United Press.

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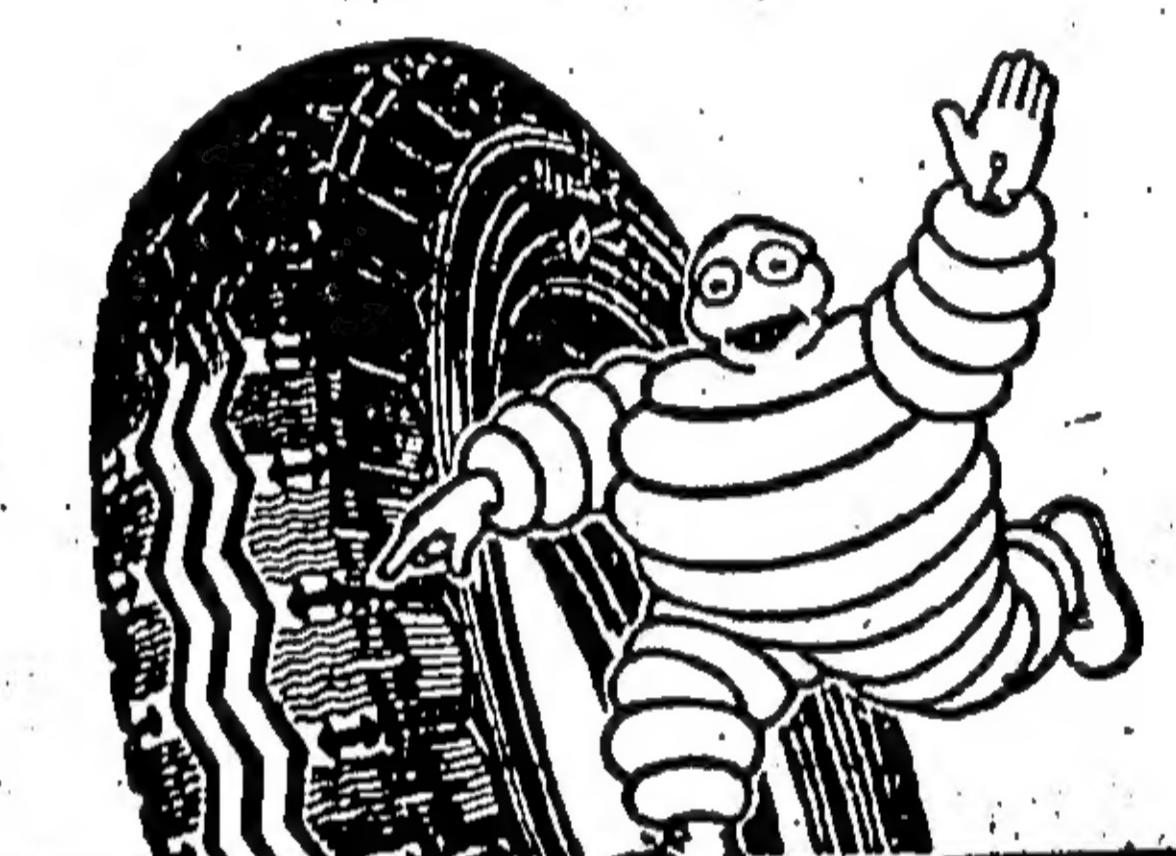
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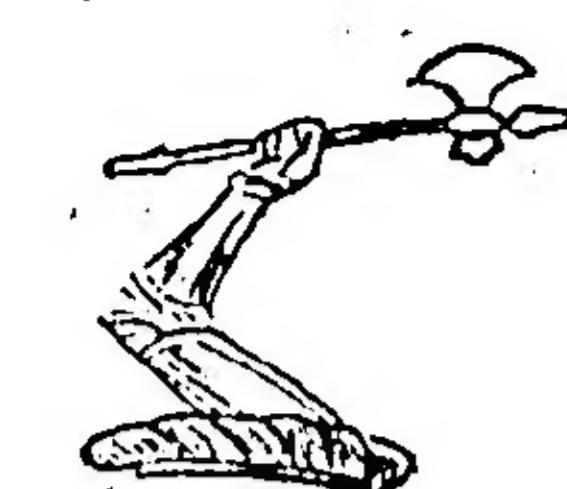
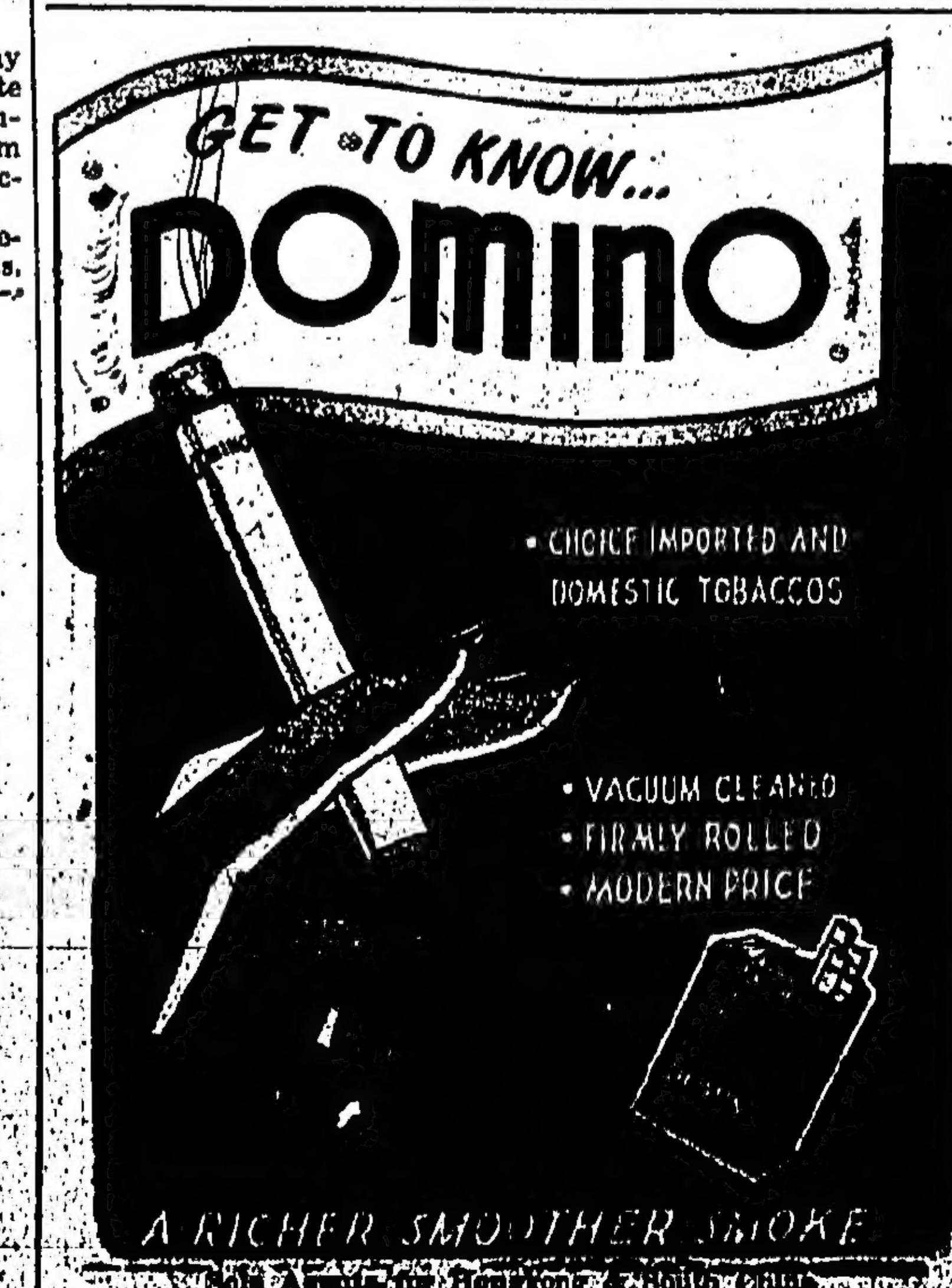
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Truman Message**EMPHASIS ON WORLD PEACE**

Washington, Jan. 7. Three times in his report to Congress on the state of the Union, President Harry Truman repeated a sentence in identical words—"This leads to peace—not war." It is a device of speech-making, designed for emphasis. The emphasis may have been unnecessary. For, in all other countries if not in the United States, this will be regarded as the supremely significant point of the speech. It will come as both an answer and a reassurance.

The President said: "We are fighting poverty, hunger and suffering. This leads to peace—not war."

"We are building toward a world where all nations, large and small alike, may live free from the fear of aggression. This leads to peace—not war."

"Above all else, we are striving to achieve a concord among the peoples of the world, based upon the dignity of the individual and the brotherhood of man. This leads to peace—not war."

This summarised and described, in general terms, the present foreign policy of the United States.

Effect Abroad

It probably will be neither published or otherwise made public in Russia. The Soviet Government tells the Russian people that American policy is in the hands of "war mongers." What the President called the struggle against poverty, hunger and suffering is described in Moscow as "dollar tyranny," the effort of a wealthy American to capitalise on world economic misery, to dominate and capture foreign markets.

Elsewhere, however, it will have its effect.

It will provide the governments of France and Italy, particularly, with a powerful counterpoise to the arguments of the Communist parties in those countries.

Wallace Answered

Moreover, it will be read with the greatest attention by those foreign observers who profess to see the United States and Russia heading toward a frontal collision, and who hope their own countries can remain clear of war when it comes.

Illustrative of that view were dispatches from Paris quoting Leon Blum, veteran Socialist leader, as calling for the formation of a "third group," led by France and England to stand between the two giants.

And finally, political circles in Washington regard it as an answer to Honry Wallace. The former Vice-President has announced himself as a third party candidate for the Presidency, because, to paraphrase him, "American policy leads to war—not peace."

High Point

Perhaps unexpectedly, this was the high point of the President's speech.

There had been very little reaction, either from the floor of the packed galleries, to any of the previous statements that the President made.

But when the speech came to "our fifth goal—world peace," a heavy silence filled the Chamber.

The President felt it and paused, markedly. Then, speaking slowly and with more colour in his voice, he went into the foreign policy section of his report.

In the three rows of seats to the right of the rostrum, the Diplomatic Corps leaned forward in rapt attention.

The applause that interrupted the President, in these passengers, came from both sides of the Chamber. It was not motivated by party politics, nor split along party lines. If the expressions to day were an accurate grade of attitude, then American foreign policy is bipartisan, supported in the main by both major groups.

Foreign Fears

That, too, will have a profound effect abroad.

One of the consuming fears of foreign governments is that the policy of the United States, as formulated by one administration, may be altered completely when a new party comes into power. For many years, there has been a lack of confidence in the consistency of American action.

That arose after World War I when the United States remained clear of the League of Nations, which has been formulated by an American President. It threw a ring of paralysis over the Paris conference, in 1946, when Wallace, a Cabinet member, suddenly attacked the course being pursued by the Secretary of State.

Hence, American foreign policy has always appeared unstable, even capricious, to other countries. It has been considered to be, subject to the whims of domestic party politics.

A single fact brooded over the whole speech today. It is this:

The President asserted that American foreign policy is directed toward achieving world peace. If it does not then all the domestic issues that he discussed, tax cut, civil rights, social security, health, control, all will suddenly be without any importance whatever.—Associated Press.

GLASGOW MAIL STRIKE

Glasgow, Jan. 7. The first strike on Britain's newly-nationalised railways was declared by 1,300 boilermakers at Glasgow locomotive works today over dispute work grievances.

The strike, which is unofficial, has made little impression on British Railways.

German Critic Of Britain

MUNICH, Jan. 7. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WERE TODAY INVESTIGATING A SPEECH BY DR. JOHANNES SEMMLER, GERMAN DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF THE BI-ZONAL ECONOMIC AGENCY, IN WHICH HE REPORTED TO HAVE SAID:

"Today, the British must be made to realise that it is impossible to plunder the German economy three years after the war."

Dr. Semmler was reported to have declared before a political meeting last weekend that the low Ruhr coal production had been caused "not only by Hitler and the war," but also by "the experimental policies of the British Labour Party."

Dr. Semmler was said to have told his audience that "it is time German politicians stopped saying thanks for additional food supplies from abroad."—Reuter.

Germany To Get Priority

Washington, Jan. 7. Germany will have priority in shipments of several important commodities under the Marshall Plan schedules published by the State Department today.

She will be the biggest recipient of American bread and grain shipments, getting a total of 7,550,000 tons in the period of April, 1948, to June, 1952.

The total proposed shipments of coarse grain for Germany amount to 10,035,000 tons.

Germany is the only country to be allocated United States railway wagons, 20,000 of which are to go to the Anglo-American bi-zone in the 12 months of the scheme. A further 6,000 are to follow later.

The bi-zone will also be the sole recipient of scarce nitrogen fertilizers. The zone is to get tobacco, 7,000 lorries, mining machinery and agricultural machinery.—Reuter.

HE DROPPED THE CHARGE

Shanghai, Jan. 8. One was killed and five injured, two seriously, when a small family firecracker plant exploded last night during night work to rush fireworks for the Chinese New Year holiday on Feb. 10.

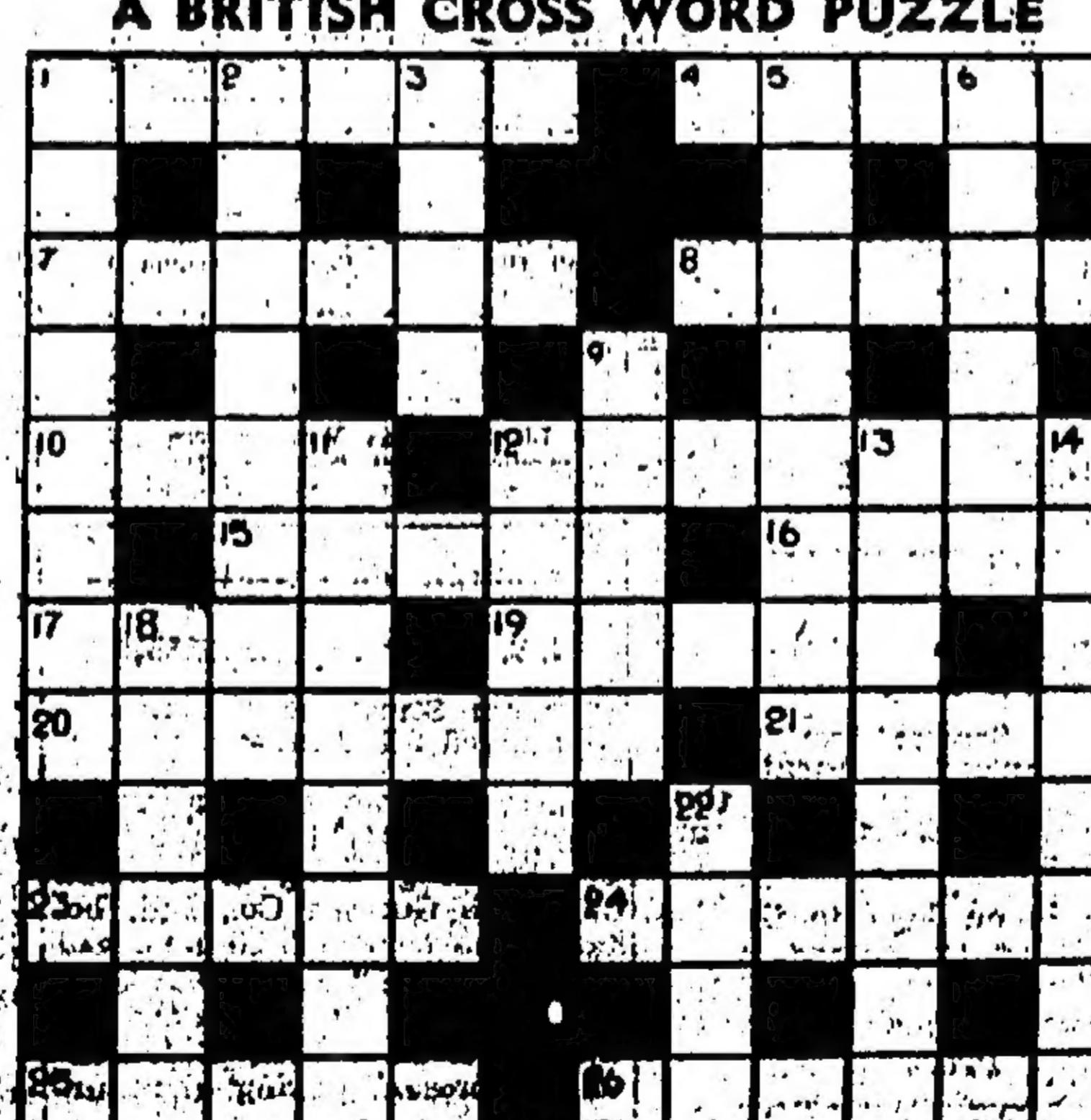
A refugee family from India's Secretary of the Interior, was strong armed, bound and robbed just outside Oklahoma City.

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PATEL'S GRANDSON HELD UP

Oklahoma City, Jan. 7. Bipin Patel, 20-year-old grandson of India's Secretary of the Interior, was strong armed, bound and robbed just outside Oklahoma City.

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ECONOMIC CHIEF'S WARNING

Britain's Huge Deficit Of U.S. Dollars

Position Not Encouraging

London, Jan. 7.
Even if this year Britain earns half as much again in dollars and other Western Hemisphere currencies as she did by her exports in 1947, she will still have a deficit of £300,000,000 worth of dollars, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Britain's economic chief, told a press conference tonight. Last year, Britain earned about £190,000,000 worth of dollars, he declared in a New Year economic stock-taking.

It was therefore not possible to over-export to the Western Hemisphere.

Britain's second main object was to wipe out the general deficit in her overseas trade so that at least, at the end of next year, she would balance her total imports and exports.

This, however, owing to the non-convertibility of other countries' currencies (as well as Britain's), would not enable Britain to cover her dollar deficit.

Help Vital

In addition, there were, as forecast, £75,000,000 of undrawn United States credit and £70,000,000 undrawn Canadian credit.

Of the Marshall Plan, Sir Stafford said that it was obvious that Britain would be in a grave position as regards dollars unless aid was forthcoming.

She would not be able to get through without further cuts in imports of food and raw materials. Certainly she would not be able to export coal and other essential goods to Western Europe except in return for imports judged essential by the most rigorous standard.

"Without assistance as far as the dollar shortage is concerned, we could not play our part in European recovery," Reuter.

No official reason has been given for the delay in issuing licences which may, the dealers point out, simply be explained by the intervention of the year-end holidays and not to any real tightening up, at least to western hemisphere countries in granting licences.

ter of 1947 were any guide, the position was not very encouraging.

British exports to North America, for instance, were worth £21,600,000 worth of dollars in the second quarter and £24,000,000 worth in the third—the very small increase compared with the rise in total exports.

The percentage of exports to North America to Britain's total exports dropped from 8.11 per cent to 7.9 per cent.

Britain's total import figures for 1947 would probably be about £1,600 million and exports about 1,140 million, giving an overall visible current trade deficit of about £460,000,000.

Taking Steps

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's chief disclosure was that the drain on the gold and dollar reserves in December fell below \$45 million a week, less than half the rate after the suspension of convertibility in late August, when for four weeks the drain averaged \$90,000,000.

Previously, he had disclosed that it fell to \$65,000,000 a week in the ensuing four weeks.

Bars To Trade In Orient

A vicious circle starting with disorganized political and labour conditions is holding back foreign trade with the Orient, says A. Guy Hope, who has been U.S. Consul at Shanghai for the last two years.

Hope said most Oriental countries lack American dollars. To get them they must export. But civil war and other disturbances prevent them from getting raw materials from the interior, Hope said.

When commodities reach seaports, he said, strikes frequently tie them up on docks and prevent shipment.

The enormous potential markets offered by the one and one-half billion people of the Orient still exist, he said.

He warned American traders not to depend upon Chinese agents on the basis of their claimed political influence. He said that generally Chinese who boast close connections with the Government are able to deliver only a single deal.

LOSS THROUGH STRIKES

Washington, Jan. 7.
Statistics of the Department of Labour estimated today that 35 million man-days were lost during 1947 in establishments directly affected by labour controversies.

This was less than one-third of the 116 million recorded lost in 1946. The workers involved in strikes beginning in 1947 totalled roughly 420,000, or about half the 4,600,000 affected during the previous year.

The total number of strikes in 1947 was 3,600 against the figure of nearly 3,000 reported

London Stock Exchange

London, Jan. 7.

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Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinan and Peiping; Airmail for Swatow; Airmail for Canton and Chinkiang, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3:30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macau, Tsinan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

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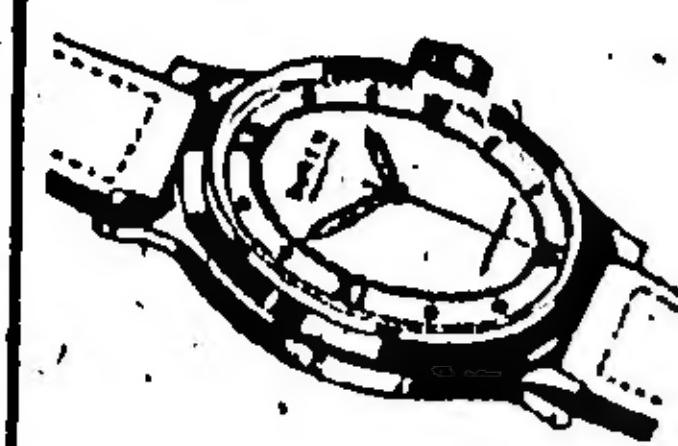
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MARSHALL'S "ALL-OUT" PLEA FOR AID "Few U.S. Dollars For Far East"

"The Greatest
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New York, Jan. 8.
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Arab Snipers Active In Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jan. 8.
Arab snipers entrenched on Mount Zion and behind Saladin's Old City walls opened fire at Montefiore quarter 100 yards distant and only 50 yards from the military headquarters in King David Hotel today.

The strong exchange of fire lasted one hour and is still going on with bullets zipping over the flying village as I write this, says the United Press. Jerusalem correspondent:

Moroccan snipers, working on new buildings near the King David Hotel, run for cover while officials of the secretariat and other Government departments were detained in their offices waiting for the shooting to cease.

Official and military figures observed the firing through closed shutters as Arab snipers and Huguenot men stayed at each other.—United Press.

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY TEAM IN FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 8.
Australia's team meeting finance in the Rugby Union International here on Sunday, was announced today as follows: Brian Piper, back; Arthur Tonkin, Trevor Allan, Allan Walker and Terry MacBride, three-quarters; Neville Emery, fly-half; Cyril Burns, scrum-half; Douglas Keller, Arthur Buchan, Colin Windon, Donald Graceff, Graham Cooke, Eric Tweddle, Ken Keeney, and Nicholas Sheehan, forward.

This is the same team that beat England by 11 points to all last week.—Reuter.

Louis Backed To Beat Walcott

New York, Jan. 8.
Joe Louis will defeat Jersey Joe Walcott next June, probably by a knock-out, in the opinion of over 80 percent of the sports editors from coast to coast who participated in a poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Although the bout was not been signed by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club of New York or any other promoter, most of the writers assumed that the veteran Jersey boxer, who came so close to dethroning the champ, would get the call.

Currently, Walcott is holding out for a larger share of the gate for the outdoor fight. Philadelphia is the latest city to put in a bid. Only five writers named other heavyweights. There thought Gus Lesnevich, the light heavyweight king, would be the Joe. One tabloid Joey Maxim as an opponent and another said he thought Louis would fight somebody he can beat. No names were mentioned.

Last Fight?

A little over a month ago there would have been no point to the Associated Press question: "Whom do you think Joe Louis will meet in June and what will be the result?" There had been little cause for concern about the result of a Louis bout for so long that the name of the opposition had not mattered.

The Walcott bout early in December changed all that. Although Louis retained his crown

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It was necessary to protect the "historic base of western civilisation" and asked prompt action to blast into oblivion hopes of the "Soviet Union and Communist parties who proclaimed their determined opposition to the Plan."

Gen. Marshall's strongly worded 10,000-word plan for enactment of his Plan contained a barb at Republicans who proposed administration by a separate agency divorced from the State Department. He said: "There can not be two Secretaries of States."—United Press.

Sport Here And There

TABLE TENNIS

London, Jan. 8.
Twenty-three entries have been received for the Swathling Cup International Table Tennis competition which will be played at Wembley during the world championships beginning on February 4.

They are: Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, England, France, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Jersey (Channel Islands), Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Palestine, Scotland, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Wales, and Yugoslavia.

Three other countries—Portugal, Poland and Switzerland—are expected to compete also.

The women's international tournament—the Corbillon Cup—will comprise of 18 countries.—Reuter.

U.S. BASEBALL

New York, Jan. 8.
Joe DiMaggio, reported holding out for US\$75,000 a year, has signed a contract for the coming baseball season with the New York Yankees.

The outfielder said he was "very happy." The consensus of newspapermen he talked with was that his salary was close to US\$70,000.

That would make him the third highest paid player in baseball, topped only by Cleveland's Bob Feller and Boston Red Sox Ted Williams.

DiMaggio, voted American League's most valuable player last year, received US\$43,750 in each of his last three playing seasons.—Associated Press.

CHESS

Hastings, Jan. 7.
The Hungarian chess master, L. Szabo, was at midday today assured of the championship of the premier section of the International Chess Congress at White Rock Pavilion here.

He leads with 6½ points and his last game is with G. Abrahams, of Manchester, who has scored 4½ points.

Tying for second place at present are M.H. Muchring, of Holland, and Sir George Thomas, of London, three-time British champion. Each has a score of five points.—Reuter.

RUGBY

London, Jan. 7.
Rugby Union games—County Championships—Berkshire 0 Eastern Counties 3. Other matches—Guys Hospital v Royal Air Force 4; St. Thomas' Hospital 2 Royal Navy, Chatham 0.—Reuter.

BOWLS

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are playing a special spoon game in honour of Mr. Hughie Nish on Saturday commencing at 2:30 p.m. Presentations will be made to Mr. and Mrs. Nish at a concert which will be held in the evening.

The following will represent the Club against R.A.F. & Police in the Quadrangular Tournament Rugby game on Club ground on Saturday, 4:15 p.m.—P.B. Ingham, A.W. Strachan, F. Cawford, J. Taylor, J. Small, J. R. Henderson and T.O. Morgan. G. Forsgate, D.L. McWhirter, N.J. Menzies, J.V. Carroll, T. Bowring, G. Thompson, A.G. Tait, P.G. Johnson.

Players are requested to be at the Club not later than 3 p.m.

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Queen Of Greece Visits Front-Line



It was reported earlier this week that Queen Frederika of Greece had landed at Prevoza on her way to visit front-line troops in the Konitsa battle area.

Here the Queen is shown in a happier moment with her daughter, five-year-old Princess Irene.

SIAMESE GOVERNMENT MAKES SPECIAL APPEAL TO AUSTRALIA

Bangkok, Jan. 8.
Minister of Education Sarabavany, in a special broadcast to Australia today, stated that the promoters of the coup d'état and the Government now functioning are two entirely different bodies and consist of totally different persons.

"It is right to say that the coup was carried out under the auspices of Field Marshal Phibun at the request of the officers who had planned the coup . . . but the impression that the Government has been formed under Phibun and that he has been ruling with a strong hand shows the actual situation in Siam is not really understood," he said.

The Minister admitted the coup was undesirable, unconstitutional and contrary to the principles of democracy but asked: "What if the democracy was a sham one?"

He then went on to list a series of charges against the former Governments under Phibun and Thamrong.

Closing his broadcast speech Sarabavany assured Australians that the present Cabinet Ministers are all Liberals.

He promised: "I'll be the first man to resign if it occurs to me that a dictator regime is installed."

Sarabavany was one of the political prisoners who escaped from the convict island of Tarutao.

He went to Australia where he broadcast the Siamese programme during the Pacific war.

The first de facto recognition of the new Siamese Government.

Nanking Strikers Call On The Barbers' God

Nanking, Jan. 8.
Four thousand striking barbers gathered today at the "Pacific Devil Temple," which houses the barbers' god, Kwan Kung, to protest against the Government's rejection of their demand of CNY45,000 per haircut.

At the barbers' strike in Nanking entered the second day business boomed for itinerant barbers who do not come under the guild regulations.

These roving barbers, who carry all the tools of their trade with them and set up shop at any convenient street corner, are being swamped by customers who are forming long queues, awaiting a turn for quick haircut or shave.

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TRIESTE REDS CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE Protest At Arrest Of 29 Partisans

Trieste, Jan. 8.
Pro-Yugoslav Communist-controlled labour unions today ordered the first general strike here since the creation of the Free Territory. By mid-morning about 10,000 of the city's 40,000 workers had joined the walkout.

The walkout, aimed at paralysing two-fifths of the tiny Free State, which is occupied and controlled by 10,000 Anglo-American troops, was called by Sindacati Unici to protest the arrest of 29 pre-Communists.

The partisans were arrested on Sunday during a parade in Trieste.

Their trial by Allied Military Court started this morning after the strike call was issued. The partisan defendants were released on bail immediately.

The strike call was "unofficial" and was issued only by notices in the morning newspapers and by union agents at shipyards, factories and shops.

Surprise

The entire Communist move came as a complete surprise to Allied Military Government officials who learned of it first from the newspapers.

But it became clear as soon as the working day got under way that only the most faithful Communist workers were observing the walkout order because thousands of other workers, including street-car and bus personnel, reported to work after being assured of police protection.

Up until noon the Chamber of Labour, which is an anti-Communist pro-Italian labour council, had not co-operated with the strike call although a few Labour Chamber workers left their jobs in heavily Communist areas of the city.

The Communist union organisation controls about 25,000 Trieste workers compared to 16,000 for the Labour Chamber.

The strike was completely effective only in the small shipbuilding suburb of Muggia where approximately 2,000 walked out.

"Governor"

Meanwhile, Italy has suggested that a man of the British Empire should be chosen as Governor of Trieste, Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, disclosed today.

He told a meeting of the Italian Cabinet that Yugoslavia had first suggested six names of various nationalities for the post.

These were all unacceptable to Italy, who suggested three Swiss names and then, as a fourth and last suggestion, a man of the British Empire. Yugoslavia's reply to his was still awaited.—United Press and Reuter.

Cripps Issues Grave Warning

London, Jan. 8.
Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps warned today that Britain will be forced to halt exports of coal and steel and give up the attempt to help Europe recover if the Marshall Plan fails to go through.

He said if the U.S. Congress does not approve the Marshall programme Britain will be forced to concentrate on its own recovery out of sheer self preservation.

Sir Stafford said Britain needs dollar assistance from America and added: "We must not count on it but the sooner it comes the better for us. Britain's position would be grave without it."—United Press.

Slight Lull In Kashmir Struggle

New Delhi, Jan. 8.
Royal Indian Air Force Tempests and Spitfires yesterday scoured the scrub and jungle in the Naoshera and Jammu sector in south Kashmir for a force of snipers estimated at 6,000.

At present there is a lull in the fighting after yesterday's artillery and infantry slogging match.

But from dawn to dusk it was a hide-and-seek raiders hiding and Indian Air Force seeking.

Military circles tonight said that the raiders used 25 pounds and howitzers in their assault in the Naoshera area.—Reuter.

2 Penang Women Lost Their Gold

The twelve bars of gold, valued at \$40,000, found on two Chinese women from Penang on the "Canton" on her arrival in November were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday when he gave judgment.

Mr. A. Sainsbury was for the defence and a good number have been heard.

It seems obvious that both defendants must have smuggled the gold out of Penang and how they expected to get the gold through the Customs at Canton is hard to visualize.

The two accused through their Counsel have pleaded guilty to the offence of illegally importing the gold into the colony contrary to the Ordinance. The facts briefly are that defendants arrived in the Colony on Nov. 17 by R.S.M. Canton having come from Penang. Revenue officers boarded the ship and when defendants were asked whether they had anything to declare replied in the negative.

They were searched and it was discovered that each had six gold bars in specially made jackets about their waists.

Defences.

"The Crown has asked for the defence deal with Section 13 of the Ordinance which is the penalty section and submitted that sub-section 2 which provides for forfeiture to the Crown any article did not or should not apply to gold and should only apply to articles like opium.

"I do not agree and feel that anyone bringing gold into the Colony in circumstances such as these takes a risk and gives the Magistrate no option but to order the forfeiture of the gold."

"I order the gold to be forfeited but the fine will be imposed."

"Penang is a frontier port and there are a number of Chinese traders there."

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